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Dear editor,

Important context and information were missing from the June 23 op-ed by Wyatt Petryshyn: *“Canada-U.S. transborder political dispute looms over water pollution crisis in British Columbia's Elk Valley.”*

Teck is strongly in favour of having legal, scientifically based standards in place to protect water quality and aquatic life in the Koochanusa Reservoir. However, the article failed to note that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's own data shows that selenium concentrations in the Koochanusa Reservoir have been stable for at least a decade. Furthermore, data shows that selenium levels in the Koochanusa Reservoir are safe, have been safe for as long as data has been collected and are lower than in many other water bodies in the state of Montana.

Teck recognizes the importance of responsibly managing our environmental impacts. That's why we are implementing the comprehensive Elk Valley Water Quality Plan, including investing over \$1.2 billion in water protection and treatment at our Elk Valley operations. That plan is working and, as a result, water quality is improving and will continue to improve across the watershed.

Go to www.teck.com/elkvalley to learn more about the work we're doing to protect water and aquatic habitat.

Regards,

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